



### Men's Breakfast, Saturday 24th November, 8.30am

A quick reminder about our next breakfast.

We will be having a cooked breakfast (complimentary) so please bring, in addition to your normal utensils etc, a largish plate, knife and fork (saves on washing up!)

Please note that this will be our last breakfast for 2018 and we will resume on Saturday 26th January 2019.

**Brian 759278**

### Beer & Bangers Tasting Evening, Saturday 24th November,

7.30pm, St Nicholas Church Main Hall, FREE entry (collection for church re-ordering) Any queries to Sarah Lavender, 297307



### A Merry Christmas from the East Malling Singers, Sat 15th Dec, 7.30pm

Christmas carols, mince pies and mulled wine at St James the Great Church, East Malling. Ticket information on the poster in the church foyer.

### Church Flowers

After many years of faithfully organising flowers on a weekly basis, Doreen has suggested that this now be reduced to particular festivals. The challenges of weekly provision, coupled with the arrival of the new and vibrant wall panels and altar frontals, have led to a review of the way the flowers are managed. With that in mind, and after discussion with Doreen, I have agreed that flower arrangements will be provided on the following occasions;



MOTHERING SUNDAY

EASTER

HARVEST

COMMEMORATION SERVICE (first Sunday of November)

REMEMBRANCE (including the memorial area)

CHRISTMAS (including Market and the Lessons & Carols service)

Anyone requiring flowers for a Wedding Service or Funeral will be asked to take responsibility for their own arrangements.

This seems to be an appropriate opportunity to say how much we all appreciate the work of Doreen and her team. The frequency may now be reduced but their heart for this joyful ministry remains very much part of the life of this church, for which I am thankful.

**Rev Chris**

### Oasis Praise Service

Sunday 9th December at 9.30am



# Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit



## St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 18th November

### Services and Events this Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Oasis Communion

and the week ahead

**THE CHURCH IS CLOSED THIS WEEK**

### Tuesday 20th November

3.20pm Palace Wood Explorers

### Wednesday 21st November

3.15pm Allington Explorers

### Thursday 22nd November

5.30pm CAMRA Curry at The Society Rooms



### Friday 23rd November

10.00am PILGRIM (in Rectory)



### Saturday 24th November

8.30am Men's Breakfast in main hall

### Sunday 25th November - Christ the King

9.30am Oasis

11.00am Holy Communion

## Our Prayer for November

'I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to Him as I rejoice in the Lord.' Psalm 104:33

As we come again to our heavenly Father, let's enter into His presence with praise. Help us to recognise that all we have comes from Him...He is totally dependable, righteous, His word is always the same, He wants us to be in fellowship with Him .He alone is worthy of our praise.

We give thanks for the glorious Summer, the abundance of the fruit crop. We give thanks also for the growth in the church-spiritual and numerical, for those taking part in the Bible Project, discussion groups, home groups. We ask the Lord to continue to help us grow, as individuals and as a church. We are disciples...called to bring the love of Jesus into the world. May we continue to bear fruit that will last. We pray for the success of the Christmas Market and the Christmas Tree Festival. Let them be a witness to the Community of the life of St. Nicholas. We know that a lot of local people come to events in the Church...we pray for each one of them that they may encounter the love of Jesus.

Jesus said:' Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' Matthew 11:28.

There are so many around us who need that rest....help us to recognise them and bring the love of Jesus into their lives.

As winter approaches, we lift up all those who find the cold difficult...through financial hardship, homelessness, loneliness. We give thanks for all the agencies who offer help especially the Winter Shelter. Make us aware of any needs we can meet.

We pray for those Christians suffering persecution, who are living in bitterly cold conditions with little hope of aid other than through Western financed Christian aid agencies. We ask that fellow believers will give generously to relieve the suffering of these marginalised families. Let's give thanks for the love and concern of all those who reach out to support those in need. We are so blessed to have freedom from religious persecution. Help us to be mindful of that and to pray that it continues.

On a global scale, we lift up to the Lord those leaders who make decisions on foreign policy which directly affects the treatment of the poorest in society. May they have wisdom as they impose trade sanctions etc. on countries where Christians and other minorities are outcasts and treated harshly. We pray especially for Iran where Christians by birth have been tolerated, but converts from Islam have been persecuted. As sanctions come into force, they are all going to suffer hardship and persecution. We pray for wisdom, compassion and justice as policies are implemented.

'The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.' Psalm103:6



## Pray for the sick and anxious

Kay Whittle, Tanay, Liz Boots, Anna, Carol Gray, Stephen Birt and Melvin.

## Pray for those who have been bereaved over recent days

Pray for our Deanery This month our prayer focus is on St Paul's.

Pray for our Diocese People & Clergy of Maidstone Deanery  
Area Dean : Andrew Sewell

Pray for our Residents This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Tintern Road, Trapham Road and The Spires

Pray for our Community all at 2nd Allington Guides

Charity for the month of November Open Doors



## Cards Available

Baptism, Sympathy, Thank You and Thinking of You cards for sale in the Prayer Corner, £1 each. Please put your payment in the wall safe in the entrance foyer.



**Christmas Cards** (in aid of Church Funds), available in packs of 5, £5 per pack, showing a beautiful photo of All Saint's stain glass window, taken by Paul & Carol.

Order sheet at the back of church or see Jenny in the Parish Office

## Church Christmas Card Scheme...

...will be running again this year...  
so what is it and how does it work?



It's a way of donating to charity and cutting down on the number of cards you need to buy, meaning the money you save can be donated to charity (Water Aid)

Sign the list at the back of church between 25th November and 8th December.

A card with each name on it is then placed at the back of church; you then sign all the cards (except the one with your name on!), and make a donation in the "Water Aid" bottle. Your completed card can be collected from the back of church from Sunday 16th December.

Please see Margaret & David Salvage for more information

Tel. 672985 email: dm.salvage@btinternet.com



## **Church Heating Update - It's been confirmed!!**

Heating installation commences 19th November - please note the church will be closed, with no prayer meetings or mid week Holy Communion.